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PRICE THREE CENTS

Deal With The Store That Makes Good All They Advertise

The people of this community have always found our store ready to make good what they promise. Our motto is "Never to carry any goods over from one season to another," no matter what the loss may be, as we don't allow any goods, no matter how staple it may be, to lay on our shelves any longer than two months. This is how this store has made its success by always carrying a fresh and up-to-date stock of merchandise and giving the people of this vicinity reliable merchandise at unheard of low prices. On SATURDAY, JULY 10th we will start a Clearance Sale of all our summer goods and will continue until the last of this month. Every piece of goods mentioned below will positively be sold at a great sacrifice.

100 Baby Caps, all samples, made in various styles. There are 50c, 75c and \$1 caps in this lot. They are here for you to choose from, all at 25c each.

100 Ladies' and Children's hats, all this summer's styles, various colors and shapes, former prices \$3, \$4, \$5 and \$6. Clearance Sale price, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.98. The trimmings on these hats are worth more than the price you will pay for the whole hat.

25 Ladies' Coat Suits, made of linene, pure linen and poplin in all leading colors and styles, all tailor made. Former prices, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$8.50. Sale price, \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$4.98.

About 25 Princess Dresses, made of very fine and high grade lingerie, mostly white, elaborately trimmed with fine German val. and imported embroideries. All sizes in the lot. Former price, \$5, \$8 and \$10. Clearance Sale price, \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$4.98.

A lot of 75 Wash Shirts made of linene, linen and poplin. Every color imaginable in this lot, while they last. All are trimmed with straps and buttons. Former price, \$2. Clearance sale price, \$1.98.

200 Ladies' Waists, some from our regular stock and others that we have just received. Made of fine Persian lawn and batiste, well made and elaborately trimmed with laces and embroideries. Others tailor made, in the new short and long sleeves, open back and front. Former prices, \$9, \$10, \$11.98 and \$2.75. Clearance sale price, \$7.50, \$9 and \$1.98. A few more net and silk waists left in white, cream and black that have all been reduced 1/2 off their former price.

A lot of cool and comfortable Kimonos. Just the thing for the hot weather. Made of fast colored lawn in different colors, stripes, figures, dots and checks, trimmed with white lawn. Former price 35c. Clearance Sale price 19c while they last.

Muslin Underwear. A tight fitting muslin corset cover made of very fine cambric, perfect fitting, all sizes in the lot. Former price, 15c. Sale price, 10c.

Brassier—the new bust supporter and tight fitting corset cover combined into one piece, trimmed with lace and whale boned. An article that no woman should be without. Regular price 50c. Clearance sale price 25c.

About 800 Corset Covers in this lot, including different styles and sizes, all beautifully trimmed in laces and embroideries, made of fine cambric and perfect fitting. 39c and 50c values, clearance sale price, 25c.

Another lot of finer corset covers, all very elaborately trimmed, that were 65c and 75c. Clearance sale price, 39c.

Ladies' Night Gowns, made of cambric and nansook, in about 25 different styles; some elaborately trimmed, others plain tucked. There are some great bargains in this lot. Former prices from 75c to \$2.50. Clearance sale price, 50c to \$1.75.

Ladies' White Petticoats, all made of fine cambric, full width, all have dust ruffles, trimmed with deep flounces of beautiful embroideries and laces. If you are in need of petticoats don't miss this opportunity. Former prices from 75c to \$3.50. Clearance sale price from 50c to \$1.98.

Ladies' and Misses' Muslin Drawers. 75 pairs made of fine cambric, cut full and well made, with tucked ruffle on the bottom. It would be a big bargain at 25c, for this clearance sale at the low price of 19c a pair.

Another big lot of Muslin Drawers, made the same as above, trimmed with an edging of embroidery. Former price 35c. Clearance sale price 25c.

All our 75c drawers for 50c. All our \$1 drawers for 75c. All our \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 drawers for 98c a pair.

Children's Petticoats, made of fine cambric with drawers body attached. Wide umbrella skirt with tucked ruffle on bottom. Sizes, 2, 4 and 6 years. The cheapest price for which this petticoat was ever sold was 25c. Special during clearance sale, 19c.

Another lot of Children's Muslin Underwear and infants long and short dresses, that space does not allow us to describe, have all been reduced 25 per cent. off the former prices. A great many more articles have been reduced 1/3 to 1/2 of their former prices which you must come and see for yourself, to be convinced.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

To stop bleeding of the nose: Make sure first from which side of the nose the bleeding comes. If, for instance, from the right, close up tightly with the middle finger of the right hand the bleeding nostril, and lift up the left hand as high as you can. Remain in this position three or four minutes. Also, a little cold water on the neck; it must be unexpected to the sufferer.

Old pieces of soap can be put into a small baking powder box which has been punctured with nail holes. The box can be thrown into the dishpan and used the same as any soap shaker. This is a good way to use small particles of toilet and laundry soap.

For the roost of cold lamb course serve an egg salad sprinkled with minced mint leaves.

If fresh fish is to be kept overnight it should be salted and laid on a earthen dish, not placed on a board or shelf.

Place a box of lime in the closet in which shoes, preserves, etc., are stored away. It will prevent mold from gathering on the fruit.

A small clean sponge and a bowl of water are essential upon the ironing board when fine lingerie garments must frequently be dampened. A bowl of clear starch water is also needed.

Just a word for the very little babies; their milk has been treated so that all the germs are killed. So many children die in the hot weather from intestinal diseases which might have been prevented by sterilizing the milk. Put the milk in bottles which have been washed and rinsed in boiling water, stopper the bottles with fresh raw cotton, set them upright in a rack or strainer within a kettle. Fill the kettle with water so that it comes two-thirds the way up the bottles. Let the water heat and boil for half an hour, then cool the milk without removing the cotton stoppers. Milk treated in this way will keep a couple of days without placing on the ice. The nipples must be dipped in boiling water before placing on the bottles. By taking this little trouble to give them good milk the babies can be kept well all summer.

A mixture of muriatic acid and rock alum dissolved in water will impart a beautiful golden color to brass or copper. The articles must be steeped in a solution a few minutes. A piece of old soft leather cut from the tops of shoes, and dipping in prepared chalk is excellent for polishing the brass afterwards.

The up-to-date woman, when she is caught in a sudden down pour, does not hasten to the nearest shop to invest in an umbrella. She takes from her hand bag a little folded arrangement of rubberized silk, scarcely more bulky than a pocket handkerchief. Unfolded, the scrap of silk reveals itself to be a shapely cover which clasps to the edge of her hat brim all around, completely covering plumes or flower trimmings. The hat cover, in place, looks really like a puffed, crushed crown of silk, and is not at all bulky or cumbersome in appearance.

Many good carpets look old because the colors have become faded and dull. At the time of cleaning such carpets should be taken up, well beaten and brushed to get rid of all dirt, then laid down and firmly fastened in their places. Take a pint of fresh vinegar and add boiling water till you can just beat your hands in it. Rub every part of the carpet with a perfectly clean floor cloth, frequently wrung out in the hot vinegar. This will restore the colors, and the carpet will look like new. Leave windows open till the carpet is quite dry and the smell of the vinegar has passed away.

When books become badly soiled on the edges, if not gilt edged, close the book tightly, then erase the marks with an ink eraser. This will cut off all rough edges, all soiled marks and leave the book very clean.

To remove an ink stain from a colored waist put the stained portion in sweet milk and let it stand until the milk sours. Hang the waist up and let the milk dry, brush it off and wash in the usual manner. This will remove ink when butter-milk has failed.

In selecting a pure linen tablecloth, if you are no judge of linen moisten the goods with the tongue and let a damp spot instantly appears on the opposite side you may rest assured the linen is good. If not the moisture would be long in penetrating the weave.

The cushioned back of a Morris chair has been found valuable in the sick-room to place back of the invalid in bed.

The handles of knives should never be immersed in water, or, after a time, they would become discolored and loose.

Save one or two turkey wings. They are the best brushes in the world to use around a stove and they are splendid for sweeping closet shelves. Weigh the wing tip with an iron until it dries.

The tender leaves and small ends of the stalks of celery should never be thrown away. If dried they are found excellent for flavoring soups.

Fingers stained by peeling juicy fruits may be quickly cleaned with strong tea, rubbed in well with a nail brush. They should then be rinsed in warm water.

If cake brown immediately on being put into the oven, the oven is too hot. It can be cooled quickly by lifting a lid from the top of the stove. A piece of asbestos paper on the oven shelf will protect the top of the cake from burning.

To clarify vinegar and even muddy wine, pour into a bottle of it half a teaspoonful of fresh, sweet milk and let the whole mixture stand for twenty-four hours. As the sediment will settle to the bottom with the curdled milk, the clear liquid remains on top.

To make chicken broth, a fat hen should be boiled whole in one gallon of water for two hours. After it has boiled one hour add a cup of dried celery, a little chopped parsley, some celery seed and a bit of summer savory, one-half of a red pepper and salt to taste. When the soup is nearly done put in a pint of sweet milk or the broth may be used without the milk.

FASHIONS AT NEWPORT

It is safe to say that no stranger is ever disappointed with his first sight of Newport. It has just the right air of elegance and luxurious living and it makes good at every point upon further acquaintance. Most of the "cottages," as the most pretentious residences here are termed, are occupied either by their owners or by other people who belong or aspire to belong to the inner circle.

"Moyen Age" Altitudes. The general silhouette of the fashionable contingent takes one back to the time of ones Mother or Grandmother as the case may be. The long, smooth, but easy-fitting cuirass topping a fuller or pleated skirt is everywhere seen, made up in all sorts of materials from thinnest muslin to satin-faced rajahs and serges.

A White Serge Costume. A white serge dress that might go with equal propriety to a luncheon or lawn fete seen at the Casino, was a compromise between the Princess and "Moyen" model as so often happens, the lower skirt continuous with the bodice, except at the front where there was an apron effect with the skirt in pleats below. Hand-embroidered white silk braid was employed as a trimming and there were touches of white moire in little reverse pieces, buttons and girdle. A pocket of the moire such as is typical in the costume of every chateleine of the Middle Ages was a notable and pretty feature of the dress.

Very Simple Tailored Suits. Very simple tailored suits of white serge or linen in white or color, go to the same place that are frequented by wearers of fussy elaborate lingerie and other gowns. For the woman whose few dresses must do service on many different

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Chicken meat is no more expensive to raise than beef or mutton, but it is more palatable and sells for a higher price.

It is desirable to get fowls up to their full growth as quickly as possible, but very early egg laying is not desirable because it is easily brought about at the expense of vigor or size.

Some poultrymen never feed mash, while others claim that one sort feed a day is a great advantage. A great deal depends on the way it is done. There are several ways of doing things, and it often happens that more than one way is right.

Pecan ducks are great eaters. They grow so fast that they must eat to supply the necessary material to make size. Grass and other "graze" won't supply this in a satisfactory manner. They must have grit and grain or their beaks and feet will grow all out of proportion to the rest of them.

Have plenty of litter in the scratching shed and throw in a little grain the last thing at night so the chickens will find it early in the morning. This is not supposed to take the place of morning attention, but to keep the chickens busy while you are milking the cows and attending to other things about the barn.

A great many poultry raisers manage without having many sick fowls. If they do have trouble they have just one remedy and that is the ax. It is claimed by some of our best poultrymen that it does not pay to doctor fowls. They are short-lived anyway, at least, it is doubtful if ordinary fowls pay after the second year, their room is worth more for younger stock. A two-year-old hen will lay probably

—the great legume family—rotated, these will supply the nitrogen from the inexhaustible in the air.

A good flockmaster holds that for young lambs wheat bran is most excellent, begin with, and after they become stronger the bran should be mixed with corn meal in equal parts. He says that oat meal, or oats when they can eat it, should be added to balance the ration, for oats is nearly a balanced food itself. After growing a little they will shell and crack their own corn, if given to them on the cob. The lambs that are to remain on the farm should not be forced so fast. They need plenty of food, but the grain ration should be small and no corn should be used. They should be given plenty of exercise and an abundance of good pasture when possible. Corn tends to fatten and will produce uncertain breeders of short season. Wheat bran and oats are probably the two safest food materials that can be used. When the grass becomes stronger and good in the spring, grain feeding is not needed for these lambs that are to remain on the farm, and only the corn will remain as the dry feed ration for the market lambs. The grass is better than any other nitrogenous food.

From four to six months old is about the best age to wean the colts, and from that time on he should be fed regularly and liberally. The first winter of the colt's life is the most important, and the so-called economy that allows a colt to run around the straw pile and hustle for a living is certainly the poorest kind of economy. The man who practices that stands in his own light because he is losing the growth of the colt at that early stage which will never be made up in the future. Feed generally and regularly the first winter and allow the colt to run out every day so he may have abundance of exercise.

DOORS IN CHINA

In China doors are often round, leaf shaped or semi-circular. In placing them the builder usually avoids having one opposite another lest evil spirits find their way from the street into the recesses of the building. The doorways separating the courts of a garden are usually of an elaborate kind, and the octagonal form is one of the most popular. Religious superstition asserts itself in Chinese architecture, and the universal sacredness of the number 3 and 9 is shown in the arrangement of temple doors. There is a triple gateway to each of the halls of the imperial palace, and the same order prevails at the Ming tomb. The Temple of Heaven has a triple roof, a triple marble staircase, and all its mystic symbolism points either to 3 or its multiples.

SMALLEST TOBACCO PIPES MADE

The smallest pipes in the world are manufactured at Gouda, a little town in Holland. There are three kinds of them, one kind being formed of red, another of black and a third of white earthen. They are all, however, of the same shape and of the same dimensions. The stem is five centimetres in length, a millimetre and a half in diameter outside and three-quarters of a millimetre inside. The bowl is ten millimetres in height; its greatest exterior diameter is six millimetres and its interior diameter is four millimetres. The total weight of the pipe is only half a gramme and the quantity of tobacco which it holds amounts to only a few grains, which barely suffices for a single puff.

Porcupine Destroy Forests

Reports made to the local forest bureau from Bishop, Inyo county, indicate that the porcupine is seriously damaging the lodgepole pine forests of the eastern slope of the Sierras, says the San Francisco Call. Practically the entire area of the Inyo national forest has been affected to some extent. In some localities the damaged trees aggregate as high as twenty-five per cent. of the total stand. While these areas are not large, forest service authorities declare that it is evident if something is not done to curb them much of the timber in the Inyo reserve will be destroyed.

Centre of Glove Industry

The centre of the glove industry is at Grenoble in the south of France. The kids there are treated with the greatest care, the idea being to produce skins that are strong and pliable and at the same time free from blemishes. The finest quality of kid is obtained from animals that are killed before they begin to eat grass at all, because from that time the skins have a tendency to become hard and coarse.

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The World's Colors

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very few persons affected by an income tax if the exemption were as high as suggested in the income tax proposals that have been talked of in the Senate. Evening Journal.

Don't be afraid to do your duty because some one ridicules or opposes you. A man who has opinions of his own and the courage to advocate them will be sure to have opposition in this world because he runs across or contrary to other people's opinions; but just keep right ahead if your cause is right and your conscience clear. Don't worry about what other people say; life is too short for that. Some will abuse you through envy, others for the want of principle and some because they honestly differ from you; but if you keep right on openly, manfully and intelligently, and with your proper dignity of character, honesty of purpose and self-respect, those who differ from you will respect your opinions.

TWO WINGS FOR COURT HOUSE

Levy Court Decides Upon Alterations to Cost About \$75,000

Architects E. L. Rice, Jr., Company and the Levy Court as a committee of the whole held a conference Tuesday afternoon regarding the improvement to the County Court House. It was decided to accept the plans for the addition as prepared by the architects and later at a meeting of the Levy Court the committee on public buildings was instructed to advertise for bids.

The plans provide for an addition of 25 feet on the south and north sides of the present building. Accordingly each office and the Levy Court room will be doubled in size and a new office made for the county controller and the county engineer.

The plans further provide for the Orphan's Court to be in the north wing on the first floor adjoining the present office of the clerk of the Orphan's Court. The office of the register of wills will be enlarged twenty-five feet and will give the register a room in which to hold court.

Between his office and that of the probatory will be the office of the county engineer, a room 17x25 feet. Parts of the wall between the present offices will be removed and archways will be used so that the new additions will be easy of access.

The sheriff's office on the south will be enlarged. In the present office it can be so arranged that ballot boxes in contested districts can be stored and others advocate part of it to be an office for the coroner.

The office of the clerk of the peace will be double its present size and in that way the different departments can be divided, and the collector of State revenue, Harry W. Chairs, will be given a separate office.

The office of the county controller will be located between the Levy Court room and the office of the clerk of the peace. There will be doors leading to both places and from the Levy Court room to the office of the county treasurer.

The room used at present as the office of the county controller will be used as a wash room for the Court House officers.

Near this room will be an elevator that will be especially beneficial in getting the prisoners in the courtroom.

The elevator will land on the second floor where the room used at present for women witnesses is located.

The new office of the attorney general and a witness room will be in the northwest wing. The northwest wing will be used as the addition to the law library.

In the southwest section will be the chancellor's chambers, private office and office for the chancellor's secretary.

The specifications call for the addition to be built of the same kind of stone as in the present building. Under the plans the present court room will not be altered.

The southeast wing will be used as an addition to the judges' parlors. It is now fully expected that the improvements will be completed before winter. There are various guesses being made as to the probable cost and they range from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The Levy Court commenced Tuesday advertising for proposals for the improvements to be opened on Tuesday next.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. L. K. Barwick spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Clarence Noland, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth in town.

Miss Louise Boulden has been visiting Havre de Grace relatives.

Miss Ida Bonchelle is enjoying a visit with Havre de Grace friends.

Bennett Savin, of Wilmington, has been spending several days in town.

Mrs. Ida Bonchelle visited her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Clayton, on Sunday.

Mrs. Louise Griffith, of Middletown, spent Monday with Mrs. Marie Griffith.

Miss Jennie Horn and Mary Street, of Philadelphia, are visiting Miss Jennie Swing.

Miss Beulah Elliott is attending summer school at Dover at the Conference Academy.

Miss Lulu Bryson, of Middletown, was entertained by Miss Mamie Jefferson over Sunday.

Mrs. Alfred Taylor and daughter, of Elkton, were entertained by Miss Lucy Reed on Friday.

Misses Elizabeth Scott and Helen Cooper, of Elkton, have been visiting Miss Mary Barwick.

Mrs. and Mrs. Stanley Steele, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Groome Steele, on Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. G. S. Woolley entertained a number of their friends on a tug party to Betterton, Monday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Lawton and Master William Wilkinson, of Baltimore, spent several days with Mrs. Z. T. Cooling, this week.

We are glad to report Mrs. Banks is improving at the Hahnemann Hospital, where she underwent a very serious operation.

Misses Sadie Tatum and Anna G. Goss, of Dover, and Mrs. Schaeffer, of Baltimore, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Tatum.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander, of J. W. Clayton, Misses Edith and J. W. Clayton, and Master and Miss Bonchelle spent Sunday evening in town.

MR. SOPER WANTS 100,000 TREES

Apple King's Ambition To Have Country's Largest Orchard

Dover, Del., July 7th.—Francis M. Soper, the Delaware apple king, and member of the General Assembly, could be seen yesterday hauling 125 bushels of apples to market, for which he received, in cold cash, \$150.

The success of the Sopers, father and son, even in the midst of a poor fruit year, is puzzling to many growers here.

"I believe we have the greatest State in the Union," said Mr. Soper. "Properly handled, this State and peninsula could almost feed the world. Talk about people increasing until they overtake the food supply—nothing like it will happen if good farmers and hustling workers come to this section."

Mr. Soper added that he had a right to talk in this manner as he had come from the North and was not a native-born Delawarean. He advised his friends throughout the country from whence he came to get acquainted with the Delaware peninsula while land is reasonably cheap.

The ambition of Mr. Soper and his son is to have 100,000 apple trees in bearing, the greatest apple grove owned by one family in the world. They now have 38,000 trees.

That they have thoroughly learned the art of spraying, ploughing and otherwise caring for and cultivating apples is demonstrated when it is seen by an inspection of the Kent county orchards planted and cultured by the Sopers, that in the midst of the bad fruit year, they will have a full crop of late apples. Their early apple crop will be one-half.

A full early apple crop off this farm would mean over 7,000 bushels. The yield this year will be 3,500 of "earlies."

Of the early apples, Yellow Transparent are extremely popular. For this highly-esteemed variety, the Sopers have received \$1.00 a bushel this year. They will have, altogether, about 180 bushels of Transparent.

Mr. Soper, who is the author of the good roads bill which passed the recent Legislature and has since been ignored by the Levy Court which has practically determined on a do-nothing policy, is not content to sit idly by when other States are in the midst of new century road making. With this in view he will, at his own expense, build a macadam road of the latest style from his home to the Camden-Wilmington road, a distance of half a mile. He will build this at his own private expense.

He is a firm believer in the use of stone, even if not in the regular macadam road formula, on the county roads.

"The road from Wyoming to Camden, built by former Levy Court Commissioner William D. Richards," said Mr. Soper, "is one of the best pieces of road work I have ever seen in Delaware. This faithful servant of the people deserves undying praise for this work which he did at great sacrifice of time and on only small appropriation allowances from the permanent good roads account. I believe that the great body of farmers of this section appreciate this splendid work. It is a pity that we are not building every day along the same line."

It is said that if the Sopers attain their ambition, with their acquired knowledge of the apple business, of a continuous orchard of 100,000 trees, they will both become millionaires.

WOLCOTT ACQUITTED

Dover, July 8th.—After a trial that lasted the greater part of the day, James L. Wolcott, Democratic leader and lawyer of Dover, yesterday afternoon was acquitted by Chief Justice Pennell and Judges Conrad and Woolley in County Court of a charge of attempted bribery during the campaign of last fall. The court was unanimous in its verdict, the testimony in the case having been very conflicting. While James A. Hutchins and W. H. Gehman, principal witnesses for the State, testified that Wolcott made offers to Hutchins for his vote and influence, other witnesses were introduced for the defense who testified that Hutchins had on several occasions stated that Wolcott had not made any unlawful offer or proposition to him.

Attorney General Andrew C. Gray, who was placed in a singular position because of the charges against Mr. Wolcott, prosecuted the case vigorously. It was testified by the State's own witnesses that Mr. Wolcott endeavored to get the vote and influence of Hutchins in behalf of Mr. Gray for attorney general and the unusual situation was presented of the attorney-general prosecuting an avowed political friend who was trying to aid him at election time.

Robert H. Richards and James H. Hughes conducted the defense in an admirable manner, and it was a well-fought legal battle from beginning to end.

Mr. Wolcott was congratulated by many friends, Republicans and Democrats alike, on his acquittal.

WARWICK

Mrs. J. S. Lattomus and son are visiting her parents at Smyrna.

Mr. Price King spent on Saturday until Tuesday in Reading, Pa.

Preaching services at the M. P. Church Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. T. B. Vinyard visited friends in Millford on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. S. Lattomus and Mr. William Lofland spent Tuesday in Smyrna.

Miss Mamie Merritt entertained a few of her friends on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder.

Mrs. D. S. Cannon is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Lofland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vinyard spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Bland.

Miss S. Ebel Vinyard is entertaining her cousin, Miss Jennie Jump, of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Prettyman spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lipecomb.

Mr. W. J. Lofland is spending this week with his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Lofland.

Mr. Clarence Lipecomb and friend, Miss Blanche Green, of Wilmington, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Lipecomb.

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Will leave 7.15 A. M. RETURNING leave Ocean City 4.40 P. M.

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- Premiums in the swine Department more than double those of last year.
- Special Exhibit of Sheep, Swine, Grain, Forage, Fruit and Vegetables by Delaware College Experiment Station.
- Competitive Exhibits in the Children's Department in Penmanship, Drawing and Designing between Public Schools.
- Special Exhibits in Cooking and Needlework.

Active Preparations Have Been Made for the Greatest Fair Ever Held in Delaware

It is especially urged that plans be made EARLY for Exhibits. This month is the time to attend to it. DON'T PUT IT OFF.

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TUESDAY, JULY 20

2.30 Class Trotting \$300

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2.28 Class Trotting 300

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THURSDAY, JULY 22

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ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY JULY 13, 1909

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The man who has only a dozen books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room. The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase may be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detach the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.

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Going South—6.00 a. m., 4.15 p. m., and 8 p. m.
For Odessa—7.00 a. m., 8.30 a. m., 11.30 a. m., 4.05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Marlville 9.30 a. m., and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 10, 1909

Local News

Messick's store closes July, August and September at 6 o'clock.
Give your little chicks a good start by using Chick Food, at
EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

After June first, the Library hours will be: Tuesday, 7 to 8.30; Friday, 7 to 8.30 and Saturday 3 to 5 P. M.

L. V. Kirk's grocery store will close during July and August at six o'clock. Saturday evenings at 11 o'clock.

High grade, steam-making, fresh mined Bituminous Coal. Price low at the lowest.
G. E. HUKILL.

The attention of our readers is called to the new ad. of A. Fogel in this issue. See what he has to say in his reduction sale announcement.

At a meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday evening it was decided to fix the Town Tax rate at \$1.10 on the \$100, the same rate as last year.

Dr. J. C. Stiles has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

100,000 Late Cabbage Plants for sale at
STREKLE'S.

Now is the time to have your teeth attended to. Don't wait for hot weather. Dr. Johnson will give you up to date service. Fresh gas daily.

Rev. E. W. Chawell, of New York, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church next Sunday morning, and Rev. J. A. Arters will preach in the evening.

The new cash grocery and meat store of Mr. W. T. DeValleur will be opened on Saturday, July 17th. Painters and carpenters are now decorating and making alterations to the room, and goods are arriving daily.

When you want Ice Cream, try two or three flavors. All the flavors we make are good, and we don't mind putting as many different kinds in an order as our customers wish.

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Send your items and personal notes into the paper, that is the way to help make it interesting. Just sign your name, we won't publish it, and then the article will be sure of getting in.

I wish to inform the public that having engaged Mr. S. Harry Riggs, an expert blacksmith, I am now prepared to do horse shoeing and all kinds of blacksmithing on short notice.
C. H. HOWELL.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD.
Phone 5.
J. R. HOFFECKER.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending July 1st: Ida Bonawod, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mr. Gilbert Fountain, Mr. George Lee, Mr. Wm. Pratt, Mr. Emory Pyore, Mr. Herbert White.

NOTICE—All persons are forbid trespassing on the farm occupied by E. R. Marker under penalty of the law. The farm does not belong to the public, and the carrying away dirt, coal, wheat or anything else without permission is stealing; beware.
J. R. HOFFECKER.

A mule team belonging to Mr. Richard Manlove, attached to a wagon with a load of hay was frightened by an automobile on Thursday in front of Mr. Manlove's residence on the road leading from Middletown to Odessa. The mules bolted, upsetting the load of hay, and Mr. Manlove who was driving the team, was thrown to the ground, but neither Mr. M. or the mules were injured.

Mrs. Mary B. Tatum, wife of Mr. Harry C. Tatum, died at her home in Wilmington on Sunday, July 4th, in her 32d year. Funeral services were held at her late residence, on Wednesday afternoon, and interment was made in the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery. Mr. Tatum is a former resident of Middletown, and has the sympathy of a large number of friends in his bereavement.

An Illinois editor retired from journalism and his "good-bye" is chaperoned by the following language: The undersigned retires from the paper with the conviction that all is vanity. From the hour his paper was started to the present time he has been solicited to lie on every given subject, and can't remember having told a wholesome truth without diminishing his subscription list or making an enemy. Under these circumstances of trial, and having a thorough contempt for himself, he retires in order to recruit his moral constitution.

In every city there are movements which call for the expenditure of money. Some of these are of a distinctly public character, and are paid for through taxation. Others are of a semi-public character, and for them the funds must be raised by voluntary contributions. These come from the men who are doing the business of the place and who have the money. There is no other way. The man who has the money is the man who may pay the bills, if they are to be paid. Most enterprises of a public nature which have for their object the bettering of conditions, business and otherwise, in a city will, directly or indirectly, return more than the money expended to those who pay it.

It is more fun to see a man read a puff on himself in a newspaper than to see a fat man slip on a banana peel. The narrow minded man reads it over even or eight times, and then goes around to appropriate what copies he can. The kind hearted man goes around to the office and pays what he owes. The successful business man who advertises regularly and makes money by it, immediately starts out to find the editor and the two walk silently down the street and the business man takes sugar in his hand and both eat a clove or two and life is sweeter and peace settles down on their hearts for moments. Such is the experience of a mustard seed that falls on different ground.

The Fourth passed off quietly in Middletown. The base ball game and the parade by the colored Masons in the afternoon being the only attractions until the evening display of fireworks, which was not so elaborate this year as on former occasions.

Most merchants realize the value of attractive, original window displays in connection with their reasonable trade. The store window is at all times one of the most valuable store adjuncts and traders get that the merchants can make use of. Attractive window displays draw the attention of the shopper, and if, besides being attractive, it contains any suggestions, it is bound to sell the goods. If the merchant or any of his clerks, who may have more talent along this line, will devote a little earnest thought and time to getting up a series of attractive, suggestive and original displays he will find that it will tend to materially swell his receipts.

THE WHEAT CROP IS SHORT

Some of Our Growers Have Only One-Half Their Usual Yield.

Now that the wheat crop is being threshed, we are able to present some facts as to the yield, and many of them are indeed discouraging. Many growers and farmers have been making estimates for the last month, but few of them realized to what extent their crops were really damaged until they were in the barn.

It is impossible for us to give the actual yield, but after talking to one of the largest buyers on the Peninsula and numerous growers, we are of the opinion that the average will not exceed 15 or 16 bushels, which is about one-half the usual yield in this section.

And the great shortage is not the only drawback—the quality is the most inferior ever grown on the Peninsula—some "scabbed," other crops badly "pinched," and in fact one is told so many different things that have effected the crop that it hardly seems possible that all can be true.

We hear of averages ranging from 10 to 19 bushels per acre, and some of those who have not threshed think they will be among the fortunate ones and may possibly have 20 bushels, while others are less hopeful—some claiming that they will not have 10 bushels.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Emma Minner is the guest of relatives in Magnolia.

Mr. D. W. Stevens was a Wilmington visitor on Sunday.

Miss Mary L. Price is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. K. Lockwood.

Mrs. M. B. Borris has been at Kenton, visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur.

Miss Mary Lewis is entertaining Miss Grace Mount, of Sea Bright, N. J.

Miss Mary Hushbeck, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Miss Rosie Weber.

Pearson Embree, of West Chester, Pa., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Fred Brady.

Dr. Vaughan S. Collins and family are occupying their cottage at Rehoboth.

Joseph P. Comegys, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents this week.

Miss Mary Kumpel was the guest of Miss Lillian Solway, in Wilmington, over Sunday.

Mr. A. B. Cullen, of Wilmington, spent Monday with his mother, Mrs. L. E. Cullen.

Mrs. John P. Cochran and sister, Miss Caddie Fumlin are spending several weeks at Atlantic City.

Mr. Albert Alexander, of Wilmington, was the guest of E. T. Alexander and family on Sunday.

Miss Addie Davis, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis.

Horatio N. Willis, of Philadelphia, spent part of last week with his father, Mr. M. N. Willis.

Miss Loretta Carter, of Dover, is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. George Dickerson.

Miss Maddie Tatum is spending some time in Wilmington, with her brother, Harry C. Tatum.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilson, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. Isaac Wilson and family.

Mrs. Louis Liman and sons, of New York City, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Burstan.

John J. Hoffecker, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday and Monday with his father, J. R. Hoffecker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Fetherbridge, of Philadelphia, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox, over the Fourth.

Mr. Oscar T. Whitlock, of Chicago, Ill., is spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitlock.

Mr. Jacob Burstan, of New York City, is spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Burstan.

Mrs. H. N. Crane and daughters, of Sparrow's Point, Md., are guests of the Misses Gill, on Green street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lippincott have returned to their home in Philadelphia, after a visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCleary and family, of Dover, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Biome this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bennett, of Wilmington, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hoffecker, near here, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Middle, of Philadelphia, have been spending a few days in the neighborhood and visited old friends in town.

Mrs. Hunting Centers, of Philadelphia, has been visiting friends here. Mrs. Center will be remembered as Miss Ada Middle, who made her home here for some years.

Miss Mary Lewis is spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lewis. Miss Lewis has recently accepted an excellent position in Kindergarten work in Sea Girt, N. J.

Mr. S. S. Holten whose illness was reported in our last issue, was taken to the Jefferson Hospital, in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, and we are informed he was somewhat improved yesterday.

After an absence of 52 years, Mr. John M. Comegys, of Montana, spent a few days with his brother, Mr. W. A. Comegys, last week. Mr. Comegys, who is 72 years of age, is a typical Westerner in appearance, and his visit was a pleasant occasion to not only his brother, but to all who were fortunate enough to meet him.

THE "MIDWAY" A SUCCESS

The Ladies of The New Century Club Realized \$123.16

One of the most beautiful entertainments ever given in Middletown was the "Midway" given by the ladies of the New Century Club, on Thursday evening. South Broad street, from Green to Cochran streets, was converted into a bower of beauty. All the houses in this block with the exception of Dr. E. G. Clark's (Mrs. Clark being ill) were elaborately trimmed with bunting, flags and Japanese lanterns.

James L. Shepherd's handsome home was the ice cream garden and seemed to be the center of attraction. The numerous colored electric lights which Mrs. Shepherd had caused to be put on the upper porch, were especially attractive. One might well think they were in fairyland. Each house had its booth, with the appropriately dressed maidens in attendance. At J. B. Messick's was the candy and notion counter, in charge of Miss Agnes Cochran. At C. J. Freeman's was the Japanese Tea Garden, in charge of Mrs. Freeman and her aides. Here also were Japanese fans, parasols and other novelties. At J. L. Shepherd's the Pool Orchestra had chairs on the front porch and discoursed fine music throughout the evening. Mrs. W. R. Parker had charge of the cake table and Mrs. J. C. Stiles, Mrs. G. L. Townsend, Misses Bessie Anderson, Emma Kelley, Elizabeth Lindley, Mary Nowland and others had the ice cream tables. At W. S. Letherbury's was the Vandeville, which seemed to draw a large crowd. Here Miss Louise Cochran kindly favored the audience with several solos and the small boys and girls sang and played.

At Mrs. E. W. Lockwood was the fortune teller, who told marvelous things and as Allen Johnson said, "She told me a lot of things that wasn't so," and as Charlie Ritchie said, "She told me I was going to be rich and that all I want to know." At Mrs. Wilhelmina Price's were the wonderful Egyptian mysteries at five and ten cents and Miss Dora Price made a most lovely Egyptian lady. At Julian Cochran's was another side show in charge of Miss Ethel Brady and others. Miss Laura Willis served lemonade, ice cream, at three cents a glass and when you couldn't find Miss Willis on the spot, Mrs. S. M. Lockwood was sure to be there, so that no one got a chance at that lemonade without paying the three a glass. At Mrs. Comegys' corner was the German vegetable and flower garden in charge of Mrs. George Derrickson and Miss Edith Shallerons. This booth was voted one of the prettiest as well as most useful of all. The two automobiles did a rushing business and the large crowd took advantage of the opportunity to make the trip to Odessa and return.

The ladies were very much pleased at the attendance and encouragement given them, and the town will long remember this beautiful entertainment given by the Club. About one hundred and twenty-nine dollars were taken in.

THE TELEPHONE GIRL

An exchange sings thusly of the Hello girl: "The telephone girl sits still in her chair and listens to voices everywhere. She hears all the gossip, she hears all the news, she knows who is happy and who has the blues; she knows all our sorrows, she knows all our joys, she knows every girl who is chasing the boys; she knows of our troubles, she knows of our strife, she knows most every time we are out with the boys, she hears the excuse each fellow employee; she knows every woman who has a dark past, she knows every man who is inclined to be fast, in fact there's a secret 'neath each sunny curl of that quiet, demure looking telephone girl. If the telephone girl would tell all that she knows it would turn half of our friends into bitter foes; she would soon be a gale, engulf us in trouble and land us in jail; she would let go a story (which gaining in force), would cause half of our wives to sue for divorce; she could get all churches mixed up in fights, and turn all our days into sorrowing nights; in fact, she could keep the whole town in a stew, if she'd tell the tenth part of a thing she knew. Now doesn't it make your head whirl, when you think what you owe the telephone girl?"

TOWNSEND

Miss Estella VanDyke is visiting relatives at Bettendorf, Md.

Miss Lillian N. West spent Tuesday with friends near Smyrna.

Mrs. John Stradley is spending several weeks with relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney is entertaining Miss Teet Noble, of Preston, Md.

Miss Norma and Karlene Hart visited relatives in Smyrna over Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Hart and son George, of Philadelphia, are spending sometime with relatives here.

Mrs. Maggie Lee and daughter, Miss Ethel, are spending the Summer with relatives near Smyrna.

Mrs. Joseph Jones and daughters, of Newark, N. J., are visiting her parents, Robert Beardsley and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. D. Hart returned from a ten day visit with relatives in West Virginia, on Thursday last.

Miss Mayme Townsend, of Philadelphia, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Gill, for the past week.

Mr. Samuel Townsend and wife, of Wilmington, have been spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend.

Misses Arrelee Lattonas, Anna VanDyke and Beulah Buckson were entertained at the home of Ralph VanDyke, near Odessa, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harman Reynolds and children, G. M. D. Hart and George D. Kelley, of Middletown, spent Sunday and Monday at Bettendorf, Md.

A party of folks from town spent a very delightful afternoon at the "Banglow" on Noxontown mill pond on Monday. They enjoyed a very fine supper and the pleasant boating.

On Friday last George Saterfield met with what might have been a serious accident. He was throwing hay from a loft and stepped backward on the edge, falling to the floor. He was not seriously hurt, but badly shaken and bruised and has been confined to his bed since.

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BASE BALL

Middletown Defeated Warwick by the Score of 13 to 1.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., July 5, 1909.—In a one-sided game, played here Monday afternoon, the home team defeated the team from Warwick by the score of 13 to 1.

Some sensational fielding was done by the home team. Byron made a fine play by running out in left field and pulling down what looked to be a sure hit. Jolls and A. Donovan also fielded their positions nicely.

P. Donovan and Jolls led at the bat, each securing 3 singles, while Byron and I. Gibbs followed them closely with two apiece. The score:

MIDDLETOWN	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Jolls, 2d b.	2	3	2	0	0
B. Gibbs, 1 b.	3	1	0	0	0
I. Gibbs, c.	2	14	2	0	0
Byron, s. s.	1	2	2	3	1
Walker, 1 b.	0	0	0	0	0
Donohoe, c. f.	1	1	0	0	0
A. Donovan, 1st b.	1	7	1	0	0
P. Donovan, 3d b.	3	3	1	0	0
Richards, p.	0	0	1	2	0
	13	27	10	3	

WARWICK

R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Callum, p.	2	4	2	0
Wood, 1 b.	0	1	0	1
B. Vinyard, 2d b.	0	1	0	6
Merritt, 1st b.	0	0	14	2
J. Vinyard, c. f.	1	2	0	1
Lattonas, r. f.	0	1	0	2
S. King, 3d b.	0	0	0	0
H. King, s. s.	0	0	0	0
Unruh, c.	0	0	5	1
	1	3	24	12

Middletown, 25 1 0 5 0 0 0 x—13 14 4
Warwick.....0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1 3 8

Strike-outs, Richards 14, Callum 2 in 2 innings, Vinyard 3 in 7 innings; Sacr. B. Gibbs, I. Gibbs, Walker, Unruh, C. Jones.

Townsend—Middletown

On Saturday afternoon last the Townsend club visited Middletown and were taken into camp by the locals by the score of 15 to 10. The game was long drawn out, both sides making many errors. Jolls pitched a good game, but his support was not what it should have been.

The score by innings:

Townsend.....1 1 0 1 0 0 4 3 0—10
Middletown.....2 1 2 5 1 2 0 x—15

ODESSA

Mrs. Carrie Appleton spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Miss Eva Allree spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Herman Kampel.

Mrs. George Whitlock spent Thursday with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens is visiting her daughter in Manassas, N. J.

The Rev. R. L. Hallett will be in his pulpit on to-morrow, Sunday.

Mr. Gardner Keen, of Wilmington, spent Monday with friends in town.

Miss Elizabeth Wood is spending sometime with relatives in Hosianna, Pa.

Miss Annie Reynolds and Miss Martha Evans spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Davis and daughter Frances spent Monday with friends in Smyrna.

Mrs. Clarence Donovan spent a few days this week with friends in Wilmington.

Mr. William Rose, of Philadelphia, spent a few days this week with his wife here.

Miss Edith Ginn, of the Levels, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. I. G. Webb, this week.

Miss Susie Sawyer, of New York, is spending this week with Mrs. Carrie Appleton.

Miss Maud Douglas has returned home, after spending sometime with friends in Smyrna.

Mr. Theodore Croft, of Philadelphia, spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. F. Croft.

Miss Martha Evans left on Wednesday for Elwyn, Pa., where she has accepted a position.

Mr. Robert Douglas spent from Saturday until Tuesday with friends in Bedford, N. Y.

Miss Ethel Ward is spending sometime with her aunt, Mrs. Martha Staats, near Taylor's Bridge.

Mrs. Shinnell, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cannon.

Mrs. A. M. Williams, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. L. Sparks, near town.

Mrs. Morgan, of North Carolina, has been the guest of Mrs. Milcha Lueby.

William Freeman, Jr., is spending sometime with relatives in Philadelphia.

Astley Taylor has returned home, after spending sometime with relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Hunter, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Misses Olive and Wilmer Millikan.

Mrs. William McKnight, of Philadelphia, is visiting her brother, Mr. G. M. Millikan.

Mr. Robert Anderson, of Helenwood, Tenn., is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. Anderson.

Miss Mollie Richards is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Richards in the State of Washington.

Millard Taylor, of Millington, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor.

Mr. Harry Budd and wife, Misses Alverta and Lillie Ferguson are guests of relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Benson, of Camden, N. J., have been spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Jones.

Mrs. W. Freeman, of Philadelphia, spent Thursday and Friday of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Black.

Was Kicked By Horse

Willie K. Brooks, of Glasgow, had a narrow escape Wednesday from being kicked to death by a young stallion. He had taken the horse out for a drink and was returning to the stable when the animal broke loose from hooks. A moment later the horse's hind hoofs struck out and landed with considerable force on Brooks' hip and stomach. Help answered Mr. Brooks' cries and he was carried to the house where it was found that no bones were broken.

During the month of June there were 320 marriage licenses issued by Clerk of the Peace Brown, of Wilmington. The majority of these licenses were used by persons who came from other places to be married.

In addition to these licenses there was about another hundred marriages where no licenses were used. Under the old blue laws where bans are published in the churches at the end of services the three Sundays before the wedding, no license is necessary. This custom is still followed in the Roman Catholic Church.

CONFERENCE GETS WESLEY CHURCH

Transfer Made At Dover in Amicable Way, And Litigation Ended

Dover, Del., July 8.—Litigation was ended to-day over the possession of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been closed to the Rev. E. L. Hoffecker as pastor since the Rev. A. W. Lightbourne was deposed from membership in the Wilmington Conference.

The church early this afternoon was transferred formally to the Wilmington Methodist Conference, and will be opened on Sunday next with the Rev. Mr. Hoffecker as pastor. He was assigned by the conference at its session in Milford in March, although the church has been closed to him since then because the sentiment prevailing among the official members and congregation was friendly to Dr. Lightbourne who was obliged to retire as pastor after conference had ousted him from membership.

Litigation to determine whether the conference or the trustees own the Wesley Church is pending before Chancellor Charles M. Curtis, it having been started before Chancellor Nicholson, but it will be withdrawn following the transfer of the church and parsonage formally to the conference to-day.

Transfer of Property

Shortly after noon today two lawyers met in the Farmers' Bank and completed the formal transfer of the church and parsonage to the conference. W. W. Harrington represented Henry Riebelly, Robert H. Richards and Frank M. Jones, as counsel for Wilmington Conference, and James H. Hughes represented the seven of the nine trustees who had kept Wesley Church closed against Mr. Hoffecker, regularly assigned pastor, since the latter part of March.

To Pay For Litigation

Under the terms of the transfer a bond of \$1800 was executed against the \$47,000 church property to defray the costs of the litigation, counsel fees and also some repairs that had been made. This amount will be paid by the Conference authorities and is the only encumbrance against the property. William Salsbury and W. S. Haman, two of the trustees who were opposed to the radical action in closing the church, joined with the other seven trustees in executing the \$1800 bond.

Following this the majority trustees tendered their resignations, they being James H. Hughes, William M. Haman, T. J. Stevenson, Wesley Webb, Henry E. Moore, J. Frank Wilda, and William J. Benson. This leaves Mr. Salsbury and Mr. Haman as the only trustees. It is understood that thirty-two members of the official board also are preparing their resignations.

Object to Church Closing

One of the trustees in speaking of today's action, which was determined upon at the conference last night, said: "We had two objects in view in taking the action of closing and holding the church property:

A DAY'S WORK

BY MARGARET ASHIMUN

David said a low voice at the bedroom door. David, it's time to get up!

M-m-m! groaned David. I just went to bed. Is it morning?

The room was gray with the dawn. Mrs. Watson came softly in and set a lamp on the shelf near the head of the bed. Yes, it's three o'clock, she said. You know you have a good deal to do to-day.

The boy sat up in bed, stretching and yawning, but saying cheerfully, Oh, yes! I'll be down in just a minute, mother.

Mrs. Watson lingered beside the bed. She was a fair-haired, comely woman of nearly forty, but her shoulders were already bent with hard work, and her face was sallow, with deep lines in her forehead and round the mouth. She leaned over to stroke the boy's hair.

I'm sorry you have to work so hard, David, she said, with an almost awkward kindness.

I'm all right, answered the boy, repelling her caress, as if half-ashamed that she should give it. It's good for me. But you're the one that's working too hard.

I guess it's good for me, too, she whispered. If only your father were well, I wouldn't mind. A child's waking cry came from below. Oh, there's Rhoda! She'll wake your father. She closed the door hastily and hurried downstairs.

David sprang out of bed and pulled on the few garments that an eleven-year-old boy needs in the month of May on the farm. Then blowing out the light, he tiptoed down the stairs to the bare kitchen. Mrs. Watson was taking a Johnny-cake out of the oven. On the table were a faded red table-cloth and a few plates and cups. Bert, the eldest son, a boy of sixteen, was already at the table. David went out and washed his face and hands at the bench beside the back door. Then he sat down to his fried salt pork and potatoes, and his molasses and Johnny-cake.

There's no butter this morning, boys, said the mother. It took all we had to fill that last crock. This was not an uncommon deprivation, and the boys said nothing.

I'll do the milking before I go over to H's, said Bert, as he rose from the table. You'd better get right to planting the corn, as long as you have to go to town this afternoon. Bert was to "change works" with a neighbor that day, and was in a hurry.

It was daylight now, and the tall Lombardy poplars at the foot of the garden stood out gauntly against the yellow sunrise. The cornfield beyond, cold and black where the light had not yet touched it. David went to the corn crib to get the two sacks half-full of shelled corn that he had left there the night before. Taking the corn-planter and the sacks of corn, he went on briskly to the field.

The lines he had made the day before with the marker showed dimly on the dark, level ground. He put one sack of corn at the end of the field nearest the house, then took the other and plodded with his planter to the opposite end. He was beginning to feel the exhilaration of the morning. Up and down the long rows he went, thrusting the V-shaped wooden planter into the ground, jerking it up, and tramping down the kernels with his stubby little shoes. As he went, he suited his motion to a hoarse, crow-like chant that was meant to be a song.

"John Brown's body lies a-mould'ring in the grave." He was a thin, homely little chap, round-shouldered and red-haired. Work too heavy and long continued for a boy had left its mark upon his undeveloped body, but his cheerful face and lively blue eyes still held something distinctly childish.

He seemed too young for his task. The work he was doing was not hard, but after two hours of the steady up-and-down motion and the heavy walking through damp ground, his back ached and his fingers grew numb. When he paused at the end of a row to fill the box of his planter from the sack, he would straighten up to rest his back and wriggle his fingers to get the stiffness out of them. It was still only six o'clock, and the day's work had hardly begun. He went on, to and fro, in the long field, holding himself closely to his task. He wondered if his father would be able to be out of bed to-day,

and what the doctor would say, when he came. He recalled vaguely what his mother had told him of his Uncle Abner, her brother, a prosperous farmer over beyond Denton, who had hinted that David's father was lazy and not sick; and who had blighted with a sarcastic speech her half-spoken appeal for help. He had not come near them for three years now.

David's eyes snapped with indignation. Guess if he could see father he'd know whether he was sick or not! he said aloud, stamping the corn viciously into the earth. He's a mean old skinflint, that's what he is!

But with a child's easy change of thought he soon forgot Uncle Abner, his father's illness, and even his mother's work and worry, in watching the hawks circling in the sky with the sunlight glinting white upon their wings. To and fro he passed, always to and fro, thrusting jerking and stamping, to the thin, irregular croak: "John Brown's body lies a-mould'ring in the grave."

The world had gone hard with the Watsons during the last three or four years. Mr. Watson's illness had put a sorry end to all their plans. The farm was not yet paid for, the doctor's bills were heavy, crops and prices were discouraging.

A good deal of the time there had been no money to hire a man, so Bert had done what he could, laboring early and late, "changing works" where it was possible, and hiring help only when the necessity was dire. Mrs. Watson had been brave and untiring, doing the indoor work of the farm, selling butter and eggs and vegetables, and caring as best she could for her husband and the four children. It seemed to Mrs. Watson the saddest indication of their poverty that David should be taken from school to assume, before his time, a heavy share of the farm work. His bent little shoulders attested only too plainly how well he had borne his part.

On this particular day in May David's responsibilities were great. He had the planting of the corn to finish and a trip to make to Denton, the market-town twelve miles away, to take a grist to the mill and exchange eggs and butter for the household supplies.

At nine o'clock six-year-old Ella came out to the field with bread and molasses for him and a fruit-jar full of cold ginger water. He ate and drank eagerly, and then lay on his back in the grass for fifteen minutes, gathering strength for another "stunt" with the corn planter. At noon he went in for dinner, a weary, drooping little figure, famished and exhausted.

His mother looked at him anxiously, and sighed. You'd better not try to finish the corn to-day, she said to him, when the noon hour was over. Stay in and rest till you go to town.

He shook his head without a word, and went out to the field again.

Bert sha'n't say I spend my time fooling! he muttered, as he hurried back to his work.

At three o'clock the corn-planting was finished. David threw himself down upon the grass and lay inert, almost without breathing or thinking. At last he roused himself. It seemed as if he never could get up or even turn his hand over again, but he remembered the task that still lay before him.

I'll get rested riding to town, he said to himself, hopefully.

His mother helped him to load the sacks of wheat into the wagon and to carry out the butter and eggs. She gave him a tin pail with his supper in it, and put a couple of fresh cookies into his pocket. She would have kissed him, but he twisted himself out of her arms and climbed into the wagon, saying in a matter of fact way:

Well, I guess I'm ready. I'll get back soon's I can. Good-by!

He drove into Denton at six o'clock. He could see people sitting about their supper tables as he went past. The miller, too, was at supper, so David drove his team up to the mill steps to wait.

In the two big tin pails that hung under the wagon he brought the horses water from the river; then he fed them some oats in the same pails. At last he was ready for his own lunch, which he ate propped up against the wheat-sacks in the back of the wagon.

Jiminy! he cried, as he opened

the pail. His mother had laid on the top a fat turnover filled with strawberry jam. David ate it first, crunching his teeth delightfully through the crisp crust, then leisurely devoured the humbler fare that remained. He had just finished when the miller came. He helped David to unload the wheat from the wagon and to put in the sacks of flour in exchange.

Isn't it pretty late for a little chap like you to be so far from home? he said, kindly.

Oh, no—guess not, answered David. He did not like to be pitied.

He drove to the store with his butter and eggs. As the store-keeper was putting up the sugar and saleratus that David asked for, he looked sharply at him over his glasses.

Suddenly he turned to a man who was sitting on the counter near by, half-hidden by a pile of boxes.

Say, Abner, he said, isn't this boy some relation to you?

The man, a heavy, cheerful-looking person, got down from the counter with his hands in his pockets, and looked the boy over. David met his eyes steadily, and his tired little face did not change. He recognized his Uncle Abner. Are you George Watson's boy? said Abner Davis, in an uncertain tone.

Yes, sir, David replied, with dignity. He leaned against the counter a little, and there were pale lines around his lips, but he thrust his hands into his pockets, that no one might see how they were shaking with nervousness and fatigue.

What you doing here at this time of night? questioned his uncle, curiously.

Getting some flour and things. Why didn't you wait till to-morrow?

The horses had to work to-morrow.

Why didn't somebody come with you?

Didn't need to, said David. He was no baby, he thought, scornfully, that he had to have somebody with him.

Abner Davis and the store-keeper exchanged glances. How are your folks getting along? asked Abner, after a pause.

All right. David clenched his hands in his pockets and leaned harder against the counter.

How's your father?

Sick.

What's Bert doing?

Running the farm.

With your assistance, eh? said the farmer, with a laugh. Is your mother keeping any hired help in the house or outdoors?

No.

Abner Davis walked back and forth a few times with his hands still in his pockets. The store-keeper went to fill David's kerosene can.

See here, said Abner, at last, what you been doing to-day before you came to town?

Planting corn, answered David. All day?

What time'd you get up?

'Bout three o'clock.

And you've been at it ever since?

David nodded.

Abner whistled softly to himself. He walked to the door and stood looking out. The store-keeper came back from the other end of the store.

Say, Allen, said Abner Davis, can you let me write a letter?

Certainly, said Allen, there's the desk. Help yourself.

The farmer sat down and wrote a letter laboriously. He sealed it and gave it to David, putting his hand on the boy's shoulder. Give that to your mother, he said, not unkindly.

Thank you! said David, and went out.

Gritty, isn't he? said Abner Davis, thoughtfully, as he looked at his watch.

He is that, said the store-keeper. He seems pretty little to be going round this way, but he's probably older than he looks.

Abner Davis said nothing, but snapping the cover of his silver watch and looking meditatively at the floor.

The way home seemed endless to David. It soon grew dark, and he had to drive slowly. The shadows among the bushes and in the fence corners seemed peopled with crouching tramps or strange wild beasts. He was tortured with a desire to sleep, but feared to nod lest something should spring out at him from the road side, or lest he should meet a team, and some accident should happen in the dark. His legs ached, his head throbbed, and his back seemed ready to break.

Would he never get home and to bed? He bit his lips and held the reins tightly in his numb fingers.

But once, after he had passed a particularly dark and gruesome hollow, from which weird sounds seemed to come, he hid his face in his coat sleeves and sobbed.

His mother was waiting for him when he drove into the yard. She came out with a lantern.

Are you all right, son? she asked, anxiously. It's nearly eleven o'clock.

Um-hm! All right! mumbled David. He could hardly speak. His mother said nothing more, but helped him to unharness the horses and put them into their stalls. Together they carried David's purchases into the house.

The boy stared at the lamp, blinching. His red hair was tousled under his cap, and his freckles stood out brown on his pale, drawn face. Mrs. Watson offered him food, but he shook his head, and huddled into a chair near the table.

The doctor was here to-day, said Mrs. Watson, and he said your father was much better. He said, she added, wistfully, as she looked at the limp little form before her, that if he could only quit worrying about you boys he'd soon get well. She sighed. David fumbled in his coat pocket. Here's a letter from Uncle Abner, he said dully, and handed her the envelope.

Mrs. Watson tore it open with nervous haste. She read the letter through, and laid it down with a cry of joy.

O David, she cried, he says he thinks he's been kind of hard on us, and he's going to help us. He says he'll bring a man over here to-morrow to work for us the rest of the season, and he'll pay him. And he says he wants you to come and visit his boys for a month or two—and he wants you to go to school with them in Denton in the fall. O David! David! Aren't you glad?

But David's head had fallen forward upon the table. He was already stupid with sleep. Mrs. Watson took him in her arms and carried him over to the wide old sofa across the room. She pressed the thin, sharp little shoulders against her breast, with tears running down her face. As she laid him down, he put up his hand and touched her wet cheek softly.

I'll be glad in the morning, mother, he said. I'm too tired to-night.

And he fell instantly into the dreamless slumber of exhaustion. Mrs. Watson brought a blanket and covered him tenderly. I believe, she said, with a sob of thankfulness, I surely believe that the worst of it's over.—*Youth's Companion.*

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 3d, 1909.

PRESIDENT Taft stands squarely behind the tax on the net earnings of corporations and he advocates it not merely as an expedient with which to sidetrack the income tax. He believes it to be a highly desirable form of taxation because it is the first step in a carefully devised system of federal control of corporations, and the next step, federal supervision of all issues of stocks and bonds, he will recommend to Congress in his first annual message. The President will not assent to any substitution in conference of the inheritance tax for this tax on corporations, nor does he believe that any such substitution is contemplated, though many rumors to this effect have been flying about the country recently. The Republican members of the Finance Committee declare they have no intention of any such substitution and the House leaders, including the Speaker, predict with confidence that the corporation tax will be enacted as a part of the tariff bill. These facts, together with much other interesting information, were brought out at the White House this week, where President Taft talked freely with several friends.

The President made clear his views, also, regarding the various forms of special taxation which have been suggested in connection with the current deficiency of the federal revenues. Above all other forms of special taxation Mr. Taft prefers a graduated income tax, which believes it would be improper to enact under the circumstances until its constitutionality is placed beyond question. He is of the opinion that every man should contribute through a direct tax a fair proportion of his income to the maintenance of the government not only for the sake of the revenue such a tax would yield, but because such contribution would bring home to every man a realization of his responsibility to and for the government of his country. He does not believe, however, that an income tax determined by an arbitrary ratio would be a fair tax. He is convinced that if the man who has an income of \$1,200 a year contributes 1 per cent. of that amount to the support of the government, the man with an income of \$5,000 a year should contribute a higher percentage, say 2 per cent., and the man whose income reaches into the ten thousand should contribute possibly 5 per cent. or more and so on. Mr. Taft regards a stamp tax as a proper revenue measure for an emergency but as lacking in considerable degree that tendency to correct evils of distribution which would be accomplished by either a graduated income tax or a graduated inheritance tax. And last, the corporation tax, which President Taft regards as highly desirable from every point of view, primarily because it will insure a degree of federal inspection and public knowledge of the transactions of all corporations, thus fitting in with his general economic plans in so far as they relate to

corporations, and, secondarily, because it will yield ample revenues to obviate any deficiency.

The President takes emphatic issue with the allegations that the corporation tax is unjust, that it will not reach the wealth of the country. He firmly believes that in the majority of cases bondholders are also stockholders, that they are compelled to hold stock in order to protect their bonded interests. In short, Mr. Taft regards the corporation tax as a tax on wealth and as such as wholly just and proper.

Senator Root's address to the Senate this week, in support of the Taft plan for the taxation of the net earnings of corporations, is regarded by many Senators as the most notable contribution to the tariff debates of this Congress. One of the interesting features of Mr. Root's address was his statement that he expected the required three-fourths of the states to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution authorizing Congress to levy an income tax: "I think the United States ought to have the power to levy an income tax," he said. "I do not want it used to drive out of existence the protective tariff. But I do want my country to have the power which is possessed by other countries, to summon to its assistance in time of great need all the wealth of the nation. I shall vote for and advocate the amendment in my own State, and I hope it will be adopted." In speaking of the corporation tax Mr. Root said he supported it because he thought it better policy, better patriotism and higher wisdom than a general income tax.

There is a large number of naval officers in Washington just now who are living in mortal terror of what is known as the "plucking board." This is the special board under the naval personnel law must choose a certain number of officers for retirement each year, provided a specific number of vacancies are not created through natural causes.

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Upon the application of Howard A. Pool, Administrator of Ella F. Johnson, late of St. Georges Hundred in said county deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, notifying all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also causing the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCURY, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein ten times.

Given under the hand and seal of the Register of Wills aforesaid, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.
FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted into the undersigned on the Thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1909, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator, on or before the Thirtieth day of January 1910, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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